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Strain product review for Whaxy.com

PINEAPPLE EXPRESS MMJ

I think that we're all constantly searching for the "Goldilocks Zone" in every aspect of our lives. Our experiences shouldn't be too big (which can overwhelm) or even too small (which can disappear into the background noise of our busy existence). What we want should be just right, so to speak. In reference to cannabis, for me this means not being completely incapacitated when ingesting a reasonable amount (at least, not for a long time) but also not feeling gyped by a low-velocity, short-armed high. So I'm happy to report that this particular sativa-heavy hybrid, which consists of Trainwreck crossed with Hawaii, is in my Goldilocks Zone, which is unusual for me because I often prefer indica-heavy leaf.

My beautifully cured sample mostly consists of small, light green buds with numerous orange hairs (trichomes). There is moderate-tight packing from flowers to stem and it's just a bit dry and quite crumbly, so much so that the apparent amount approximately doubles in size once it is smashed. Good pot smells great, and this does not disappoint on that score, being redolent of lemon, hibiscus, ripe guava, and nectarine. The taste is mostly yellow apple, green melon, and dandelion flowers, and it smokes easy and pure. Mid-palate brings more lemon and green melon, but also pine and starfruit. Perhaps it is just slightly cough-inducing but I'm prone to that in the first place. I don't get a lot of pineapple out of it, but there are definitely tropical elements scattered throughout.

The first onset of effects is immediate, about twenty minutes of a jet airplane taking off. I also (somewhat paradoxically) find the experience to be at the same time energizing yet also calming, bringing both a heightened sense of mental acuity yet also a feeling that all will be okay in the end. The next stage consists of a half hour euphoric plateau with minimal body effects except at the temples, which are now fully numb to the point of disappearing from my sense of self. Another 30 minutes for a slow decline and boom, I'm ready for another go.

This particular strain of marijuana allows me to work full-out and definitely relieves the stress I always feel right before deadlines. In fact, according to Wikileaf (<http://www.wikileaf.com/strain/pineapple-express/>), the strong cerebral effects that are common to this hybrid are the main reason Pineapple Express is used as medicine, and aside from positively affecting stress and anxiety it can also ease chronic depression. Negatives include a bit of dry mouth and eyes, but I am staying pretty alert and can discern no "couch lock."

This is definitely high-quality cannabis, with excellent aromas, mouth feel, and overall effects. Like I said, not too big and not too small. I usually go for indica-focused strains, but this one may have just worked its way into my regular rotation.

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LEAFS BY SNOOP RASPBERRY FRUIT CHEWS

Introduction:

Bow wow wow yippee yo yippee yay. Many of the reviews that I've written over the years, particularly in the hospitality industry, have involved interactions with actors, musicians, and other famous people who have decided to produce or collaborate on a product under their own personal brand. They do so for a variety of reasons that have often included, in my experience, elements of passion, publicity, and greed. But leave it to the cannabis industry to steer me toward a product that, upon further review, may indeed be something that a sponsoring celebrity would actually use on a regular basis.

Aesthetic:

The box that the treats come in (10 pieces, 80mg THC/pack, 8mg THC/piece) is actually sort of clunky looking, which is somewhat surprising for such a media savvy patron. While the child-resistant, re-sealable container did defeat my editor, I'm not so sure that the double tongue-in-groove safety tab system would actually stop any sufficiently determined ten year old troublemaker, so be sure to keep it away from any little ones, but you already knew that, right? Each blue-striped but mostly pink chew looks tasty enough, but then I'm a sucker for saltwater taffy, particularly when colors tend toward the pastel.

Appeal/Taste/Texture:

My preferred edible ingestion method is to let an entire portion dissolve slowly in my mouth until there's nothing left. This allows for full enjoyment of all noticeable sensory impressions. So while this treat doesn't smell like very much at all and only faintly tastes of raspberry, I can say that its flavors are definitely on the cannabis end of the spectrum. That and sugar. Mouth feel is properly taffy-like, and texture is smooth and appetizing.

Effects:

When viewed in light of what I ingested (one piece, 8mg THC), the amount of time before takeoff, about 15 minutes, seems right. Initial effects include an expanded sense of cranial measurement and a bit of euphoria. Another 20 minutes take me to perihelion, which mostly consists of an easily controlled desire to hold hands with my wife. Then comes a relatively fast step-down, in fact, less than two Simpsons episodes until I achieve full normalcy. Frankly, I would like a more momentous high, but the after-effects are nicely relaxed, perhaps even suitable for an evening with those same, clever kids.

Summary:

We all know that it Ain't No Fun (If the Homies Can't Have None), but can an edible ever be The Shiznit if you ain't doin' it Doggystyle? That seems to be the question that Leafs by Snoop tries

to answer with its line of Dogg Treats. Frankly, it's easy to call this Da' Bomb, but I'd rather be suckin' on one of these treats than on a glass of Gin and Juice. Beeyotch!